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Amendments To The Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown.

1-20 (canceled)

21. (new) A turbine blade, comprising:

a stator-side end located toward a stationary stator cylinder of the turbine;

a rotor-side end located toward an axial rotor of the turbine;

a leading edge located between the stator-side end and the rotor-side end; and

a trailing edge located between the stator-side end and the rotor-side end and located down-stream of the leading edge with respect to a fluid flow direction,

wherein the rotor-side and stator-side ends have a negative sweep angle as measured between the instantaneous tangent of the blade surface and the fluid flow direction.

- 22. (new) The turbine blade of claim 21, wherein negative sweep results in the direction of flow being rotated in a mathematically negative direction in order to achieve a coincidence of the direction of flow with respect to the instantaneous tangent of the blade surface.
- 23. (new) The turbine blade of claim 21, wherein the negative sweep angle of the rotor-side and stator-side ends transition into a positive sweep in a region between the leading edge and trailing edge.
- 24. (new) The turbine blade as claimed in claim 21, wherein the rotor-side end negative sweep has a range between 0° and 90°.
- 25. (new) The turbine blade as claimed in claim 24, wherein the rotor-side end negative sweep has a range between 50° and 80°.

- 26. (new) The turbine blade as claimed in claim 21, wherein the stator-side end negative sweep has a range between 0° and 90°.
- 27. (new) The turbine blade as claimed in claim 21, wherein the turbine blade is a stationary guide blade or a rotating blade.
- 28. (new) The turbine blade as claimed in claim 21, wherein the leading edge is arranged in front of the trailing edge in the axial direction of flow at the stator-side end or the rotor-side end.
- 29. (new) The turbine blade as claimed in claim 21, wherein the turbine blade is arranged in a turbomachine.
- 30. (new) The turbine blade as claimed in claim 21, wherein a second up-stream turbine guide blade is located at a constant axial distance from the turbine blade.
- 31. (new) The turbine blade as claimed in claim 30, wherein a trailing edge of the second up-stream guide blade is located at a constant axial distance from the leading edge of the blade at the rotor-side end.
 - 32. (new) A turbine blade, comprising:
 - a stator-side end located toward a stationary stator cylinder of the turbine;
 - a rotor-side end located toward an axial rotor of the turbine;
 - a delivery side located between the stator-side end and the rotor-side end; and
- a suction side located between the stator-side end and the rotor-side end and located down-stream of the leading edge with respect to a fluid flow direction,

wherein the rotor-side end is inclined toward the delivery side and the stator-side end is inclined with respect to a fluid flow direction.

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- 33. (new) The turbine blade as claimed in claim 32, wherein the stator-side end is inclined at an angle between 0° and 90°.
- 34. (new) The turbine blade as claimed in claim 33, wherein the stator-side end incline angle is 70°.
- 35. (new) The turbine blade as claimed in claim 32, wherein the rotor-side end is inclined at an angle between 0° and 90°.
- 36. (new) The turbine blade as claimed in claim 35, wherein the rotor-side end incline angle is 75°.
- 37. (new) The turbine blade as claimed in claim 32, is a stationary guide blade or a rotating blade.
- 38. (new) The turbine blade as claimed in claim 32, wherein the turbine blade is arranged in a turbomachine.
- 39. (new) The turbine blade as claimed in claim 32, wherein a second up-stream turbine guide blade is located at a constant axial distance from the turbine blade.
- 40. (new) The turbine blade as claimed in claim 39, wherein a trailing edge of the second up-stream guide blade is located at a constant axial distance from the leading edge of the turbine blade at the rotor-side end.